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Name of Patentee : Gary J. Pond  
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**In the Application:**

In Amendment B dated 23 September 2002, forwarded via facsimile directly to Examiner O'Connor, the title was amended to read: Surgical Needle

The Notice of Allowance, dated 27 December 2002, states that it is responsive to Applicant's amendment of September 23, 2002, therefore acknowledging receipt of the amendment by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

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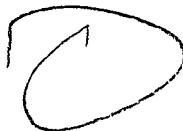
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It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

*Title pg 1, Item (54) and Col 1, line 1*

Title should read:

*- 154 SURGICAL NEEDLE —*



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